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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)		Docket Number (Optional) <i>10-1403</i>
285-148		

In re Application of Alfaro et al.	
Application Number 09/803,266	Filed 3/9/01
For ANTERIOR LUMBAR SPACER	
Group Art Unit 3732	Examiner Priddy, M.

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows
(check time period desired):

<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$ <u>110.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$ <u>420.00</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$ <u>950.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$ <u>1,480.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$ <u>2,010.00</u>

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ 475.

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 04-1121.

I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

I am the applicant/inventor

<input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record.
<input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a). Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) _____.

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

October 1, 2003

Date

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Signature

Peter G. Dilworth

Typed or printed name

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

Total of _____ forms are submitted.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10

I hereby certify that this correspondence and the documents referred to as enclosed are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on date below in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mail Label Number EV 333227694 US addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Dated: October 1, 2003



Peter G. Dilworth